



**Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 411**

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**Hearing Date:** January 30, 2003

**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Speaker Bromm, at the request of the Governor)

**Title:** Change coverage and eligibility under the medical assistance program

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

6	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Cunningham, Maxwell, Johnson and Stuthman
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No

1	Present, not voting	Senator Erdman
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Bromm  
Steve Curtiss

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Health and Human Services System

**Opponents:**

Marlene Chirnside  
Dr. James Howard  
Carrie Arnett  
Dr. John Reinhardt  
Bruce Dart  
Dr. Tim McVaney  
Lisa Linter  
John Ahlschwede  
John DeCamp  
Tom Bassett  
Roger Keetle  
Cheryl Crouse  
Mary O'Hare

**Representing:**

C.A.R.E.  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department  
Nebraska Dental Association  
Nebraska Dental Hygienist Association  
Nebraska Dental Association  
Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association  
Nebraska Dental Association  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Self  
Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities  
March of Dimes  
Nebraska Appleseed Center for the Law in the Public Interest

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Brandi Holys  
Milo Mumgaard

Elaine Menzel  
Mike Kelly  
Kate Kulesher

Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Douglas County  
Office of Women's Health Advisory Council

**Neutral:**

Sharon Colling  
Jane Elliott  
Jim Cunningham  
Amy Berg  
Pat Lopez

**Representing:**

Nebraska Health Care Association  
Nebraska Health Care Association  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Voices for Children  
Public Health Association of Nebraska &  
Nebraskan's for Public Health

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** The bill makes changes in provisions relating to eligibility and benefits under the state medical assistance program (Medicaid). The bill amends section 68-1019.02 relating to limits on the amount, duration, and scope of Medicaid-covered services, and section 68-1020 relating to Medicaid eligibility.

The bill amends section 68-1019.02 to provide the following limits on the amount, scope and duration of Medicaid services: the bill (1) limits the number of covered adult chiropractic visits to twenty per year; (2) discontinues dental coverage for persons twenty-one year of age and older; (3) restricts orthodontics coverage for children to cases of cleft lip and palate, and mutilated and severe occlusion; and (4) limits vision care for adults to one replacement of frames and lenses per year.

The bill amends section 68-1020 relating to Medicaid eligibility, to eliminate (1) Medicaid eligibility for persons 19 – 21 years of age under section 1905(a)(i) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d), known as "Ribicoff children," and (2) presumptive eligibility for children and pregnant women.

The bill has an emergency clause.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** The committee amendment (AM 1082) retains Medicaid coverage for adult dental services and retains presumptive eligibility for pregnant women under section 1920 of the federal Social Security Act.

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**Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson**